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Hainan remnants facing surrender or death

CHUSAN ISLANDS NEXT

The Chinese Communists claimed yesterday they had routed three Nationalist armies numbering some 60,000 men in the battle for Hainan Island and reports indicated that most of the remaining Nationalist troops faced surrender or death.

Planes raid Red craft in Chusan area

Taipei, April 26. Nationalist Air Headquarters said its planes attacked 200 Communist craft yesterday near the Red-held islands of the Chusan group, causing heavy losses. It said the Red vessels were carrying troops and supplies. —Associated Press.

HK seamen aiding Reds on Hainan

San Francisco, April 25. A large number of seamen have left Canton, Hong Kong and Hankow for Hainan to help the Communist army on the newly occupied island in transport work, a Peking radio broadcast said today.

It reported that two parties of seamen left Hankow on April 10 and 23. Among them were captains of patrol boats and crews of state owned and privately owned vessels.

Canton seamen held a meeting on April 13 to give a send-off to the party of seamen for the Hainan front, the broadcast said. Mr. Lin Chiang-yun, chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Kwangtung Trade Union Council, and a number of other seamen who took part in the Hong Kong 1922 seamen's strike, spoke at the meeting.

A 60-year-old veteran was quoted by the radio as saying: "I have been a seaman for 48 years and have suffered all the oppression of imperialism and reactionaries. Now we seamen of Canton must do our part in the battle for Hainan and Taiwan."

A similar meeting was held in Hong Kong, where trade unionists, according to the broadcast, presented flowers and banners to seamen leaving for the Hainan front. —United Press.

HOTEL WORKERS' DEMAND REFUSED

Workers of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, who numbered about 1,500, were told by the management yesterday that their demand for an extra living allowance of \$30 a month could not be accepted.

At the meeting of the hotel employees last night the decision of the management was discussed and any further action will be decided following a general meeting of all the members.

The Weather

At 10 a.m. GMT (1 p.m. HKT) the depression S of Tokyo continues to move ENE. Its trough extends SW to the China Sea where it has weakened. Pressure has risen over the Eastern Sea. Today's Forecast: Moderate Easterly winds, weather cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle.

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Blame for the sudden collapse of the Hainan defense, although the Nationalists had numerical superiority, is being placed on "an unnamed field commander." When the Reds who hit the beaches last week suddenly stopped fighting he did, too, it was said. His mind was preyed fatal.

Instead of following up his advantage, the field commander's decision left the battle and left Hainan to the Communists.

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Reunion in Serowe



Seretse Khama, exiled chief-elect of the Bamangwato tribe of Bechuanaland, smiles happily as his wife grabs at the handle of his truck. His wife, the former Ruth Williams of London, ran 500 yards along a sandy track in the African bush to meet him when she saw his truck arriving. She fell half laughing, half sobbing into her husband's arms. The couple had been separated for nearly three months. Ruth carries a torch, for the meeting took place during the dark early morning hours. Ruth has waited at Serowe, the tribal capital. (A. P. photo).

U.S. embarrassed over British request on sterling debts

New York, April 25. The State Department was embarrassed over the disclosure that Britain has asked the United States to help pay her sterling debts to South East Asian countries, the "New York Times" reported today.

Britain has suggested that these countries might consider a reduction of the sterling debt in return for American

"They now have a gold reserve of nearly \$200,000,000 (about £74,000,000) he added. Why should we advance them more money?"

"Even in the Executive branch, where the British suggestion was better understood, there was no immediate chorus of approval," the "New York Times" said.

"It is my view that the United States cannot and should not entertain the British plan," Senator Connally told reporters shortly after the memorandum was reported in the Press.

Senator Robert Taft, Chairman of the Republican Senate Policy Committee, said that Britain had shown "extraordinary presumption" in asking us now to assume their debts."

Senator Wherry of Nebraska, Republican Senate floor leader, opposed any further aid to Britain. The British Government's financial statement last month showed that Britain has a balanced trade budget abroad and a balanced financial budget at home. Senator Wherry recalled.

"Stripped of all diplomatic verbiage, the suggestion was recognized in these quarters as a method of reducing Britain's external debt, making the pound sterling a strong currency."

"The reaction in the executive branch, particularly among the financial minds, might have been more specifically enthusiastic had the British memorandum been more to the point in desiring to bring about dollar convertibility of sterling and returning to more normal multilateral relationships in trade and payments."

"Instead, according to those conversing with the loosely-held memorandum, the main emphasis was the necessity of a joint Anglo-American approach to the economic and political problems of the South East Asia area, in which British interests, including those of Commonwealth members, are substantial."

"From an operating point of view, the British suggestion was considered very vulnerable. Granted the willingness of South East Asia Governments to scale down their sterling balances in return for direct aid from the United States, it was observed that the bulk of the six thousand million dollars of sterling balances were held by India and Pakistan."

"Other South East Asia countries, including Burma, Thailand, the Philippines, Indo-China and Indonesia, have only working balances in sterling, or none at all."

"A question might arise whether India and Pakistan could be expected, under the economic aid programme to make concessions required of other countries in South East Asia."

"The CNAC is suing for about US\$1,400,000 deposited in banks here and US\$172,000 in property located here, alleging that the sale of CNAC assets by the Nationalist government was invalid."

"Mr. Wolf said that a recent British court ruling in Hong Kong had awarded the plane to CNAC, which is the name of Communist

BIG THREE TO DISCUSS PLAN TO STOP COMMUNISM

London, April 25. The West hopes to achieve a comprehensive long-term plan to stop Communism at the Foreign Ministers' conference here on May 12 and May 13.

Top priority, informants say, will go to the Far East, South East Asia, Germany, and the possibility of a new Soviet "cold war" offensive in Europe.

Diplomatic experts already have begun preparations for this most searching examination of Western foreign policy since the beginning of the cold war.

The talks, begun yesterday at the expert level, will culminate in the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and the United States here.

The extensive agenda, calling for discussion of all the far flung areas where Communist expansion is threatened, underlines the seriousness of the meeting.

Trieste demand

Meanwhile, a Foreign Office spokesman disclosed that Britain, France and the United States are comparing notes on what reply to make to Russia's demand last week that occupation troops Yugoslavia as well as British and American be withdrawn from Trieste.

The U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Dr. Philip Jessup, who heads the American experts, met yesterday with Mr. René Massigli, French Ambassador to London, and Sir William Stand, Under-Secretary of the Foreign Office.

An afternoon meeting was held between American and British officials. Two and three power talks will continue throughout the week. The task of the experts is to prepare the agenda, reports, briefs and recommendations for the meeting of the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

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Troops move in but dock strike spreads

London, April 25. With troops unloading ships, London's dock strike spread still further today until just before noon, 13,000 were idle, nearly a thousand more than yesterday.

The official Dock Labour Board announced that 12,000 dockers and 2,019 troops and sailors were working 31 ships, while 84 ships were idle. The troops on "Operation Spring tide" marched into the docks through a blinding snow-storm today.

The strike began last Wednesday in protest against the expulsion of the transport and general workers union of three men alleged to have led last summer's stoppage in support of the Canadian seamen's dispute.

A Government spokesman said another 3,000 troops would be added to the working force tomorrow and until the port paralysed is overcome, adds United Press.

Shanghai evacuees in U.S. ship

An American ship, as Sir John Franklin, was reliably reported to have left Tientsin yesterday with eleven Shanghai evacuees on board.

The ship, owned by the Hongkong Company of New York, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong later this week.

The names of the 11 Shanghai evacuees are not yet known in Hong Kong.

The Sir John Franklin will be the fourth ship to enter Hong Kong within the past three weeks with European evacuees.

More than 100 evacuees have succeeded in leaving Shanghai via Tientsin during April.

It is thought that several American Consular officials are on board the Sir John Franklin.

ANOTHER TRAIN FROM SHANGHAI

The third direct train from Shanghai arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday morning and returns to Shanghai on Monday.

The train brought 12 freight wagons loaded with vegetable oil, and took away newsprint, gunny bags, petrol, and cotton yarn.

JORDAN ANNEXES WEST PALESTINE

Ammas, Hashemite Jordan, April 25.

Hashemite Jordan last night annexed Western Palestine and the old city of Jerusalem. —Associated Press.

CAT quits Hainan

Major-General Claire L. Chennault's Civil Air Transport, Incorporated, has withdrawn completely from Hainan Island. It was officially stated yesterday.

The company's last two evacuating aircraft flew from Sanya airfield to Taipei on Monday night. CAT's planes were withdrawn from Hainan to Sanya when the Nationalists began abandoning the Hainan capital on Saturday.

The last two planes from Hainan Island were piloted by Captain Waldon Bigony and Captain Charles Hayes. They took off for Taipei at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively, on Monday.

The two aircraft evacuated CAT personnel and equipment.

KAI TAK TRAGEDY

A Chinese mechanic was killed and four others were injured when a two-engined plane suddenly fell on the men working underneath it at the British Air Maintenance Company at Kai Tak yesterday.

PAMCO officials declined to make any statement on the accident saying that the matter was in the hands of the police. It was ascertained, however, that one mechanic, believed to be an apprentice, was killed instantly when the full weight of the plane fell on him. The four injured were taken to hospital.

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Hong Kong's exports to North China

After suffering a considerable decline in February, Hong Kong's exports to North China increased by HK\$14,043,379 (declared value) in March, according to official statistics. Total exports to North China in March were HK\$41,429,054 as compared with HK\$27,385,675 in February and HK\$17,228,773 in March 1949.

The Colony's record monthly exports to North China was registered in December, 1949, when the figure was HK\$62,301,640 followed by HK\$41,637,487 in January this year. Average monthly exports to North China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$4,383,300, HK\$9,870,910 and HK\$23,800,180, respectively.

Imports from North China in March increased by HK\$26,705 over February's figure. March's total imports from North China were HK\$28,389,651 as compared with HK\$28,107,854 in February and HK\$13,460,892 in March last year.

December's and January's imports were HK\$30,607,049 and HK\$33,016,118 respectively. Average monthly imports in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$9,310,693, HK\$11,901,620 and HK\$18,409,083, respectively.

Despite the Nationalist naval blockade and trade restrictions imposed by the new People's Central Government, Central China's imports in March from Hong Kong increased by some HK\$6,000,000 over February's figure.

March's exports from here to Central China totalled HK\$36,088,780 as compared with HK\$36,088,780 the previous month and HK\$3,988,203 in March last year.

Central China's record imports from Hong Kong in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$28,581,381, HK\$4,848,214, and HK\$13,704,021, respectively.

Central China exports

Central China's exports to the Colony totalled HK\$18,334,259 in March as compared with HK\$4,703,215 in February and HK\$2,914,086 in March last year. The average monthly imports from Central China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$2,597,643, HK\$3,447,074, and HK\$4,350,017, respectively.

Hong Kong's exports to South China, however, decreased in March when the total was HK\$10,152,238 as compared with HK\$23,504,660 in the previous month and HK\$10,269,284 in March last year.

Average monthly exports to South China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$14,063,133, HK\$8,654,044 and HK\$11,582,110, respectively.

Imports from South China increased from HK\$11,230,980 in February to HK\$17,238,698 in March. In December and January the figures were HK\$8,967,125 and HK\$6,254,801, respectively.

The monthly average imports from South China in 1947, 1948 and 1949 were HK\$23,631,742, HK\$21,134,238 and HK\$23,121,151, respectively.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Brian Douglas Hoole, ship's officer of Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Limited, and Miss Vera Dorothy Griffiths, secretary of 3, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

Messrs. O.F. Universo, J. Andreffet, C.W. McDonald, C. Teng, and F.J. Daniels left Hong Kong for Singapore yesterday by HOAC.

On April 29, first complainant's suspicions were aroused and he

Funeral of naval rating

The funeral of Ordinary Seaman Kenneth William Kingston of the frigate HMS Hart took place at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley yesterday.

The service was conducted by the Chaplain of H.M. Dockyard, Seaman Kingston, aged 19, from Hull, Yorkshire, was found by his shipmates at about 9 p.m. on Saturday with gunshot wounds in his head and subsequently succumbed.

He was buried with full military honours yesterday and a firing party from HMS Hart fired the customary three volleys over his grave. The hearse was escorted by 20 of his comrades and six of his shipmates acted as pallbearers. They were: Ordinary Seaman Jamieson, AB Green, AB Clarke, AB Archer, AB Christopher and Ordinary Seaman Halliday.

Commander E. D. Webb, Commander Mullenex, who recently assumed command of HMS Hart, Lieutenant Barrett, Lieutenant, R. J. Jamieson, Lieutenant Leathers, Lieutenant Locke, Chief Petty Officers, J. A. Clark and D. C. Carey, AB Brown, AB Farage, AB French and AB Walker, pilot of HMS Hart and officers and representatives of other HMS vessels in Port attended.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter, one of whom came from England on Monday to visit him on his sick bed.

The cortège, which left the residence in Tai Po Road at 10 a.m., reached the cemetery of noon, was accompanied by many friends and relatives of the family.

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Hong Kong manufacturers urged to expand markets

Murderer hanged at Stanley

Chong Yin was hanged at 7 a.m. yesterday morning at Stanley Prison for the murder of a woman in the New Territories.

Mr. J. Reynolds sat as coroner later in the day and held an inquest into his death. Mr. Reynolds was assisted by a jury of two men and a woman.

Occasional, whose age was given as 26, was sentenced to death on March 3 at Supreme Court.

The hanging was witnessed by Dr. C. O. Lee, Medical Officer and Mr. J. McCutcheon, Chief Officer of Stanley Prison.

A verdict of death by judicial hanging was returned by the jury.

Reminders

Today

HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

Nine Dragons Services Club, Mong-
kok, 2.30 p.m.; dancing class, 6 p.m.; Film Show, 8 p.m.

HK Stage Club, casting meeting at PRO lecture room, 8.30 p.m.

HK Mines Ltd., annual general meeting, Prince's Bldg., 12 noon.

Toe H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.; Cheer Services Club, dancing class, 9 p.m.; Sino British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.15 p.m.

Coming events

TOMORROW

HK International Women's Club, informal dance for Services, 7.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, monthly exhibition, St. John's Cathedral, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

European YMCA Guest Night, 7.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, HK Band Club, 8 p.m.; Kowloon Rotary Club, luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.; Men's Club, luncheon meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Homuntin thief gets two years

Sentence of two years' hard labour was meted out to Chung Fuk, 30-year-old, unemployed, by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for a series of thefts committed in the Homuntin District this month.

Defendant, who faced five charges of larceny and house breaking, was alleged to have stolen two toy cars and two plastic ash trays from a car belonging to Mr. Beer outside the Homuntin Cherry Hill Lodge on April 16.

On April 18 defendant stole a perambulator belonging to Mrs. Fraser from 21, Homuntin Hill Road.

On April 6 defendant stole from the ground floor of 89 Kadour Avenue four bronze Buddhist figurines, valued at \$400.

On April 8 defendant stole from the kitchen of the Tak Ming School, Argyle Street, clothing and shoes.

On April 16 defendant stole \$150 from the pocket of a jacket hanging inside house No. 19 Homuntin Street.

Detective Sub-Inspector Chan Wal-man, who asked that a serious view be taken of the case, said that defendant was found inside a car in the Cherry Hill Lodge at 4.30 a.m. on April 18.

All stolen property recovered from pawnshops was ordered to be returned to complainants without payment to the pawnbrokers.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

5th Race Meeting — 29th April, 1950

It has been decided to split into two sections by a draw. Race No. 1, "Mount Nicholson Stakes" for ponies of previous seasons' Classified Class A, the second section will be Race No. 11 and run at 6.00 p.m.

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DIFFICULTIES IN CHINA DUE TO THE N'LIST BLOCKADE

London, April 24. The Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Ernest Davies, contended in Parliament today that British recognition of Communist China is not a factor in the serious difficulties being met by commercial and industrial interests in Shanghai.

These difficulties are in part due to the Nationalist blockade and the effects of the deflationary measures of the Central People's Government.

REPLY TO RUSSIAN PROTEST

London, April 24. Britain, France and the United States are swapping ideas on replying to last week's Russian protest note which demanded withdrawal of troops from the divided Trieste territory, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

A reply will probably be sent but the spokesman declined to speculate whether it will be sent separately by the three Governments or as a joint reply.

The note asked withdrawal of U.S., British and Yugoslav troops. It also called for uniting the divided area and appointment of a United Nations Governor.

Russia and the Western nations so far have failed to agree in United Nations Security Council sessions on a governor.

Total troops in the territory are 15,000, of which one third are Yugoslav troops in the smaller Southern zone of the territory. The rest are divided equally between Britain and the United States. They share occupation of the Anglo-American zone.—Associated Press.

CORONATION IN BANGKOK

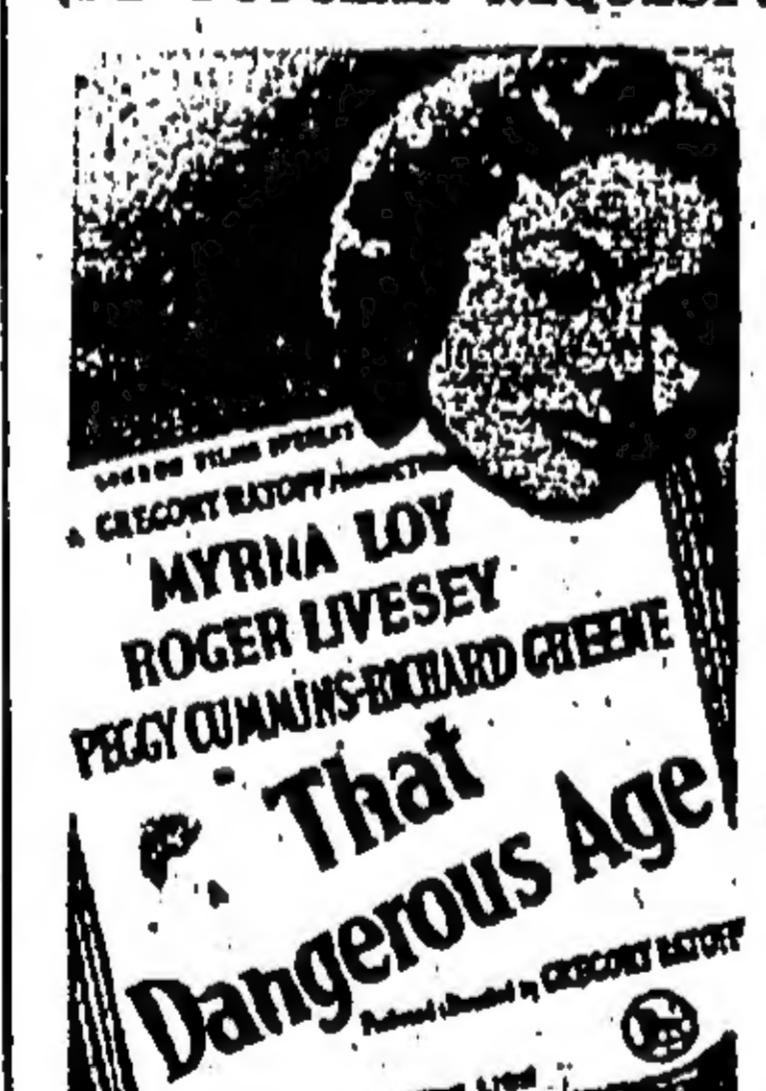
Bangkok, April 24. King Phumiphon Aduladej's coronation ceremony on May 5 will be closed to newspaper reporters and photographers.

The King's official photographer will take pictures and submit the undeveloped films to the King.

An announcement explained that there is not room enough for all photographers asking permission to cover the ceremony and the attendance of few would be considered unfair to the rest, so all will be barred. High Government officials will also be prevented from using cameras at the ceremony.—United Press.

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"Since it is reported that there is no discrimination in these matters, recognition is not a factor in this situation," he added.

A Conservative Member of Parliament, Mr. Walter Fletcher, had asserted that every month enormous sums are extorted from British firms in Shanghai.

He made the statement in question hour and gave no supporting evidence.

The British firms in Shanghai, he said, are not allowed to shut down and they are getting no effective support from the British Government in the impossible situation in which they find themselves.

Under repeated questioning by Mr. Fletcher and another Conservative, Leonard Gammans, Mr. Davies remained uninformative and non-committal.

This is in line with a Foreign Office policy of keeping entirely quiet about negotiations between Britain and the Communist Chinese Government now going on in Peking.

The blockade

Mr. Davies said the Foreign Office is giving active consideration to British commercial interests in China.

He said British enterprises in Shanghai are encountering serious difficulties because of both the Nationalist blockade and the effects of the deflationary measures of the Central People's Government.

Mr. Davies told the House, however, that it is reported there is no discrimination in these matters.

Mr. Gammans persisted in asking whether conditions have worsened since Britain recognised the Chinese Communist Government last January 6.

"The changing conditions are due to change of government in China and are not due to recognition or non-recognition of that Government," Mr. Davies replied.

Next move Peking's

Mr. Davies said British Consuls in China have not yet been officially recognised by the Communist Government. Mr. J. C. Hutchinson has been accepted as the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking and is now negotiating full diplomatic relations.

These negotiations have continued for months, so far without any results being made public. Mr. James Duncan (Conservative) suggested that as the Chinese do not seem to want to recognise Britain, the British Government should withdraw recognition of Communist China especially in view of its effect in Malaya.

Mr. Davies replied that the next step rests entirely with the Central People's (Chinese Communist) Government.

"They pose certain questions to us to which we have replied and we are awaiting a reply from them," he said.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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"U.S. will not allow war"

Lake Success, April 24. Ambassador Warren Austin today pledged that the United States will not allow another war to occur and will maintain peace because no body will dare to start war.

The permanent American representative to the United Nations made the pledge at a press conference on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the founding of the world organization at San Francisco.

"He said, "The United States will not allow war to occur and she will maintain peace because nobody will dare to start one. Never in our history have we seen a world co-operative for peace as it is today. The movements of arms from us to Europe are the first of their kind in history. Do you suppose we would have had the other wars had such preparations for defence been made in advance?"—United Press.

Sharks by the thousands

Darwin, April 24. Sailors on a tug kept up a rapid fire into the water off Vanderlin Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria, to clear a passage through thousands of sharks.

The tug's visit to the island was the first by white men in 27 years. The visit was made by Lieutenant John Toulouse and 14 naval reserve men.

Thousands of sharks slithered around the ship's boat when it was put over the side. They followed the boat ashore and swarmed around it when it grounded.

Riflemen had to maintain rapid fire to clear a path through the sharks as a line could be taken ashore.

At another island, the sailors aided natives in an attempt to kill a huge crocodile which had dragged a fully grown horse several hundred yards out to sea. The horse escaped but later died.

Missionaries said the crocodile had taken another horse and several cattle. The sailors failed to trap the crocodile.—Associated Press.

RULING AGAINST ALIEN LAND LAW

Los Angeles, April 24. The State District Court of Appeal ruled today that California's alien land law is not enforceable because it conflicts with the United Nations Charter.

The land law prohibits aliens of certain nationalities from owning land in California.

Previously, the law has been held constitutional under both State and United States constitutions. However, the District Court of Appeal, ruling on the suit of a Japanese national, declared that the United Nations Charter is a treaty between the U.S. and other nations and that the Federal Constitution provides that all treaties take precedence over State laws.—Associated Press.

TUNNEL TRAGEDY

Kimball, West Virginia, April 24.

A small motor flat car carrying six railroad workers, smashed head-on with a passenger train in a tunnel here today, killing five and injuring one.

The train had been switched from the regular East-bound track to an alternate line while the regular track was under repair.—United Press.

Singapore remittances to Red China

Singapore, April 25. Chinese in Singapore and Malaya remitted more than \$1,100,000 to their families in Communist China during the first quarter of the year, following a resumption of communications.

Remittances, sent in the "club packet" service, are forwarded at the senders' risk to Hong Kong remittance firms who deliver them through agents operating in Red China.

Remittance men here say the risk involved and the limit of \$45 per month for each person will keep the total sum remitted low. In 1948 local Chinese sent \$10,000,000 to Canton and Amoy, hometowns of most overseas Chinese.—Associated Press.

NEW POST FOR SOVIET ENVOY

London, April 24. The official Soviet news agency, "Tass", announced that M. Alexander Efremovich Bogorodov, Soviet Ambassador to France since 1948, has been removed from his post and appointed a Deputy Foreign Minister.

M. Pavlov, the present Soviet Ambassador to Belgium and the Luxembourg, has been appointed as Ambassador to France.—Reuter.

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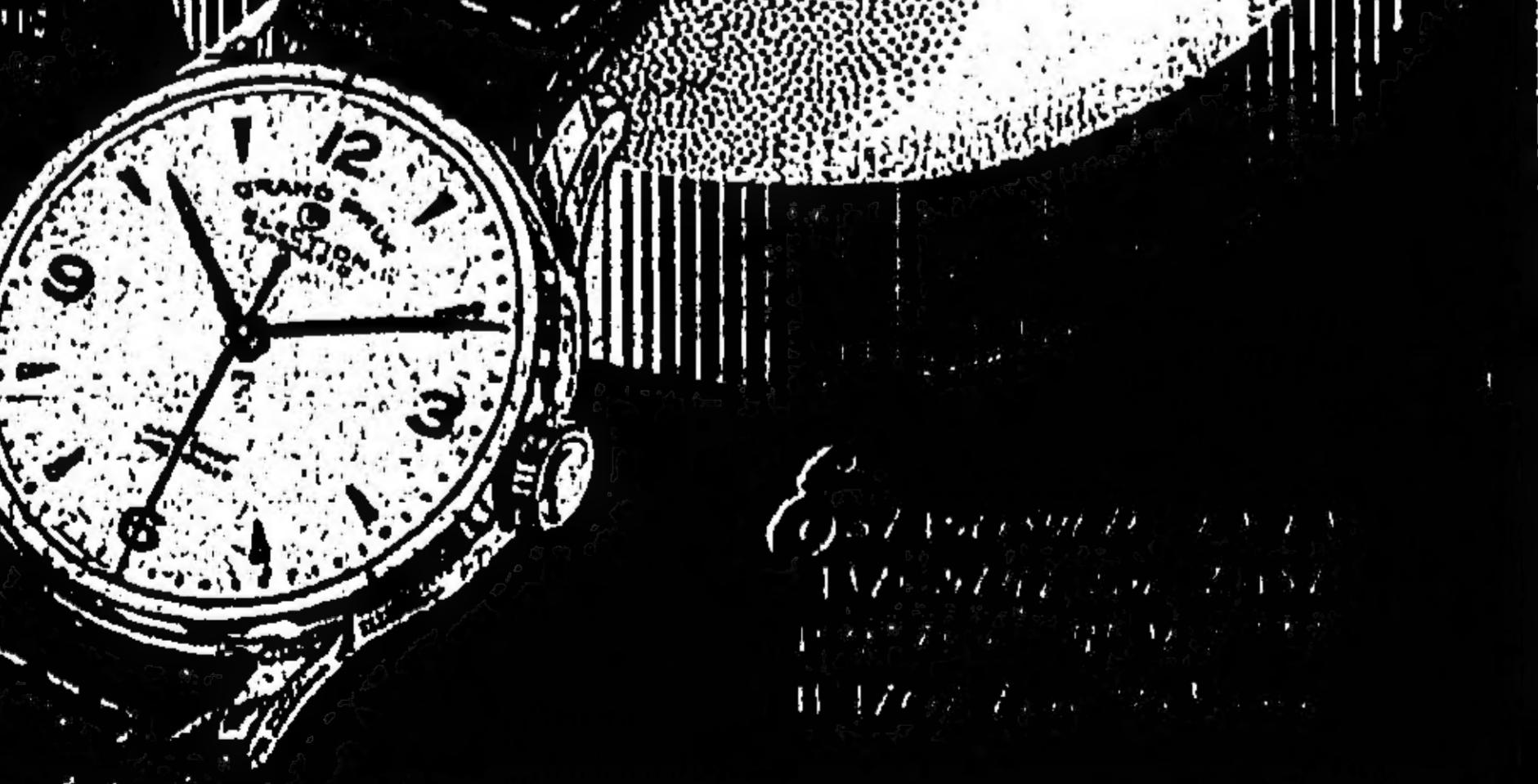
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BRITAIN AND AMERICA OPPOSE A DIRECT APPROACH TO RUSSIA

London, April 24. The United States will oppose any move to reopen direct negotiations for a four-power settlement of differences between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers during the tripartite meeting here of the Foreign Ministers.

The preparatory stage opened today with exchanges between the experts of the three Western Powers.

COMMUNIST RIOTS IN ANTWERP

Anwerp, April 24.

Two hundred Communists twice fought through police cordons today to prevent foremen from signing on 2,000 dockers needed to work a night shift in the port.

The clashes followed reports that a shipment of Atlantic Pact arms from the United States was expected.

The foremen eventually gave up the attempt to sign on dockers, but according to American sources in Brussels no vessel carrying American arms to Belgium has yet left the United States.

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With followers he broke through a cordon of about 30 police and asked Catholic union officials to order their members to join in a general strike in the port tomorrow.

Later they approached Socialist union officials with the same request.

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In a statement the Federation declared that the Communists resorted to brute force as they knew they could not hope to persuade the great majority of the workers to stop work.

It added: "The Communists' thugs will not prevent the dockers from continuing to do their duty." — Reuter

This is the conclusion drawn by observers here from Mr. Dean Acheson's address last Saturday to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, of which the full text was made available today in London.

"Mr. Acheson," after reminding his audience that the machinery of negotiation with Russia already exists in the United Nations, went on to reject the possibility of any approach to the Western Powers unless the idea of aggression, including propaganda warfare and secret undermining from within, is done away with.

He concludes that only as the free world becomes stronger will the possibility of an agreement with the Kremlin become easier.

The question of a renewed attempt to find a working agreement with Moscow will, it is believed, be examined during the Acheson-Beverly-Schuman talks in London next month under a general heading of relations between the Western Powers and the Communist bloc.

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Warming up the cold war

The idea which emerges from Mr. Acheson's remarks is that a Communist world peace offensive against the non-Communist world should be matched by an equally positive effort by the non-Communist powers to inform world opinion of their ideals and objectives and not merely to tell them why they oppose the ideas propagated by Moscow and the Comintern.

If this suggestion is adopted it appears inevitable that an intensification of the cold war in the propaganda and information fields will reach a new pitch of intensity.

Both sides will be attempting simultaneously to convince world opinion that their prescription for peace offers the only alternative to an eventual armed conflict between the Powers. — Reuter

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London Zoo's baby Polar bear "Brumas" is seen here with her mother "Ivy" as television cameramen (centre) focus on the bear's first television broadcast. At right a large crowd with mother "Ivy" as she catches piece after piece of ham. Brumas, who had not then developed an appetite for raw meat, rambled away from the camera at first, but later gave a five minute performance as a cub who had discovered the ham. She continues as the Zoo's feeding lady. (Associated Press Photo)

RED CHINA BIG BUYER OF COTTON FROM U.S.

Washington, April 24.

China under the Communists is providing a better cash paying market for American cotton than she did under the Nationalist Government. Government reports show that Communist China has been buying only slightly less American cotton this marketing year than Nationalist China purchased in the previous one.

Furthermore, the Communists are paying the full price for all of it.

Almost all cotton shipped to Nationalist China during the previous season was paid for by the American tax-payer through the purchases of American cotton by foreign aid programmes, according to agriculture figures.

Among the cash paying nations, officials said, Communist China and Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia rank second and third,

respectively, in total purchases of American cotton this marketing season. Canada was first.

The officials define the cash paying country as one that receives no foreign aid funds for cotton buying. The Nationalists' blockade has made it difficult for the Chinese Communists to export their goods to earn dollars. — United Press.

MORE TALKS ON AUSTRIA

Washington, April 24.

The State Department announced today that the delegates of the Foreign Ministers will resume their negotiations on the Austrian peace treaty in London on Wednesday.

The State Department is reviewing the negotiations in the hope that "modest" might be taken to expedite the conclusion of the peace treaty.

The deadlock between the Great Powers since the end of the war has kept Austria under military occupation for five years. The present impasse in the negotiations had been made necessary by the intervention of the Soviet Union that forced more time to study its "so-called" Austria for relief supplies and services provided in the early days of the occupation. The State Department said. — Reuter.

FALSE TEETH VITAL CLUE

Great Neck, New York, April 24.

A pair of false teeth found in the radiator grill of his car led to the arrest of Arthur Foss, aged 69, today. Police believe the teeth belonged to Mrs. Edith Brown, aged 81, who was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Sunday night. — United Press.

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TRUMAN ON DANGER OF ATTACK ON U.S.

Washington, April 24. President Truman said tonight that there is the real danger that Russia might make an ultimate attack on the United States. There was little danger from the noisy but small Red minority in the United States. He added that, to guard against danger from Communist imperialism abroad, the United States is keeping its military forces strong and alert and giving meaning and strength to its joint defence arrangements with other countries.

The President called Communism a tyrannical force which crushes the minds and bodies of those under its control and seeks to enlarge itself by aggression and by false promises of freedom and economic security.

In a speech before the Federal Bar Association, the President also said: "Against this tyrannical force which we know as Communism, the United States stands a great champion of freedom. Against this force the United States has developed and put into effect a positive programme to strengthen freedom and democracy.

"Our programme is shaped to strengthen the United States and to help other free nations protect themselves against aggression and subversion."

President Truman's speech was in effect an answer to some Senators and others who had accused the State Department of permitting Communists and other subversives to operate within its walls.

"There are proportionately fewer Communists in this country than in any other large country on earth," he asserted. "They are noisy and they are troublesome, but they are not a major threat."

The United States was combatting Communism here and elsewhere by raising the standards of living and improving military defences. Communism could be successfully resisted without adopting its own methods of abolishing the liberties of men.

No controls

"We are not going to try to control what our people read and say and think," declared Mr. Truman. "We are not going to turn the United States into a Right Wing totalitarian country in order to deal with a Left Wing totalitarian threat. In short, we are not going to end democracy."

A large part of the President's speech told how he had administered laws to assure loyalty in Government departments. This was intended to refute charges of Congressmen about laxity within the Government itself, charges such as Senator Joseph McCarthy has brought.

"Our concept of justice represents the basic difference between our system of government and that of totalitarian states," said the President. "Justice is the foundation of true democracy. Our system of justice preserves the freedom and dignity of the individual and his right to think and speak as he feels and to worship as he pleases. It protects him in the assertion of his rights, even against his own government. It makes certain that his assertion of those rights will be fairly considered and justly decided."

"But there is in the world today a tyrannical force which does not recognise justice as we know it. It is a force which crushes the minds and bodies of those under its control and seeks to enlarge itself by aggression and by false promises of freedom and economic security."

"Wherever this force extends, there is no freedom of speech, no freedom of religion, no freedom of opinion. The State is the all-powerful arbiter of men's words and acts. Human dignity and human freedom are meaningless."

Freedom's champion

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"Since the end of the war, we have taken far-reaching steps, unprecedented in the history of the world, to help other free nations rebuild from the destruction of war and strengthen their democratic institutions. Our programme of foreign aid have made it possible for these free nations to resist Communist aggression. The Greek-Turkish programme, the Marshall Plan, the North Atlantic Treaty, the Military Assistance Programme and our support of the United Nations are major elements in our central policy to work for a peaceful, prosperous world."

"We have taken the leadership in aiding under-developed areas and in reducing trade barriers between nations. We are keeping our military forces strong and alert and we are giving meaning and strength to our joint defence arrangements with other countries."

"We have done all this because it represents enlightened self-interest. We know the greatest threat to us does not come from the Communists in this country, where they are a noisy but small, universally despised group. The greatest threat comes from Communist imperialism abroad, where the centre of its military and economic strength lies.

"The real danger is that Communism might overrun other free nations and thus strengthen itself for an ultimate attack against us. But although Communism is not a major force in this country, we are taking no chances on its becoming strong here. On one hand we are working to create conditions in the United States in which Communism cannot possibly thrive. On the other, we are striking hard blows at Communist subversion wherever it is found."

Reform policy

"We are vigorously pressing domestic programmes to improve the standard of living of our people, assure equal opportunity for all, and to promote their health and education and their security and freedom. These programmes were not specifically designed as anti-Communist measures. We would have had them even if there were not a single Communist in the world."

The question arose when a Conservative member asked what sum the U.S. had paid for the designs, placed at American disposal in 1945.

Mr. John Freeman, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Supply, said no payment had been made, but asked the Opposition member not to press his question "as we are in negotiation with the U.S. Government and are hoping there will be a satisfactory outcome."

A large part of the hue and cry about the loyalty programme has centred on my refusal to turn over to a Congressional committee confidential loyalty files concerning individual employees. The preservation of strictest confidence with respect to loyalty files is a most important element in operating a loyalty programme which provides effective security for the Government and justice for the individual employee. Disclosure of the files would not only destroy the whole loyalty programme, but would seriously damage the future usefulness of the FBI.

"Our attack on Communism is embodied in a positive three-fold programme: (1) We are strength-

New tennis styles



Colonel Teddy Tinling, Designer of "Gorgeous Gupsie" Moran's tennis clothes, has produced a series of new and striking models for 1950 summer play. Some are styled in sheer nylon fabrics and feature hand-embroidered trimmings. Photo shows Tinling's "sunny day" ensemble (left) comprising a high length straight coat designed for brightening the intervals between games. This model is in sheer nylon chiffon shaded from pale primrose at the shoulders to deep daffodil yellow at the hem. Armhole and pockets are trimmed with white straw embroidery matching the trimming of the dress beneath in white celadon jersey. On right is the Tinling "shadow look"—a transparent overdress in white nylon ripple voile worn over bra and shorts of cotton sateen in gay red and green harlequin design. (AP Photo).

Consideration of treaty for Japan

Washington, April 24. Mr. John Foster Dulles, Republican consultant on foreign policy, said today that very active consideration is being given toward pushing forward the drafting of the Japanese peace treaty.

Mr. Dulles did not know exactly what is being done but found that the State Department is giving a great deal of thought to making headway on the subject.

A reporter reminded Mr. Dulles that he recently expressed the desire to strip away some of the mystery which he said shrouded progress on the treaty.

Mr. Dulles made no other specific mention of other Far Eastern questions at his press conference. However, he noted that his appointment was the first effort in recent times to bring Republicans into working relationship with the entire field of foreign policy instead of confining the so-called bipartisan efforts to European Latin-American and United Nations subjects.

He said that Republican Congressmen will back whatever reasonable measures are needed to maintain the U.S. position in Berlin.

Mr. Dulles made the statement in connection with a report by a high Government source over the weekend that the United States is determined to use force if pushed too far by the Russians' cold war tactics, especially in Berlin. —United Press.

Director George Gallup commented: "A good deal of Eisenhower's personal popularity may stem from the fact that he has not had to take a stand on very many controversial issues, since his public career to date has been non-political." —United Press.

The survey said 60 per cent favoured Eisenhower, 31 per cent Truman, while nine per cent had no opinion.

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The delegation is going to the Russian capital on the invitation of M. V. Kuznetsov, President of the All Union Central Council of Trade Unions of the USSR, the Radio added. —Reuters.

PEKING WORKERS FOR MOSCOW

Cold war all one front

Halebury, April 24. The cold war, whether in Europe or Asia, is one front, the Conservative, deputy leader, Mr. Anthony Eden, said here tonight.

The wartime Foreign Secretary declared that the establishment of Communist power in China may exert an even more extensive influence on the world than Soviet attempts to wage the cold war in the West.

Mr. Eden welcomed the Australian proposal for a co-ordinated Commonwealth effort to raise the living standard of the Asian peoples. This, he stated, is certainly the only way to meet the cold war in the Far East.

It was indeed good news that American statesmen had shown their interest in the proposals.

Mr. Eden, who was addressing a bye-election meeting, said that in his opinion a testing period of decisive importance is at hand.

"You can fight it only by deepest faith, by harder work —by results." —Reuters.

NEHRU'S VISIT TO KARACHI

Karachi, April 24. Extremely watertight security arrangements have been made for the forthcoming visit to Karachi of India's Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, and his party of 10 officials.

An added strength of policemen, both plainclothes and uniformed, will be posted in the Governor-General's house, where Mr. Nehru will stay.

When Mr. Nehru arrives at Malajpur, Royal Pakistan Air Force Station, on Wednesday, the airfield will be closed to the public.

A rousing reception is awaiting the Indian Premier, however.

A State reception and banquet luncheon have been arranged in his honour at the Governor-General's house.

Political talks between the two Premiers will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday and the whole day on Thursday. The scope of the talks cover the dispute and evacuate property in both countries.

Mr. Nehru will also meet the Foreign Minister, Zafarullah Khan. —Associated Press.

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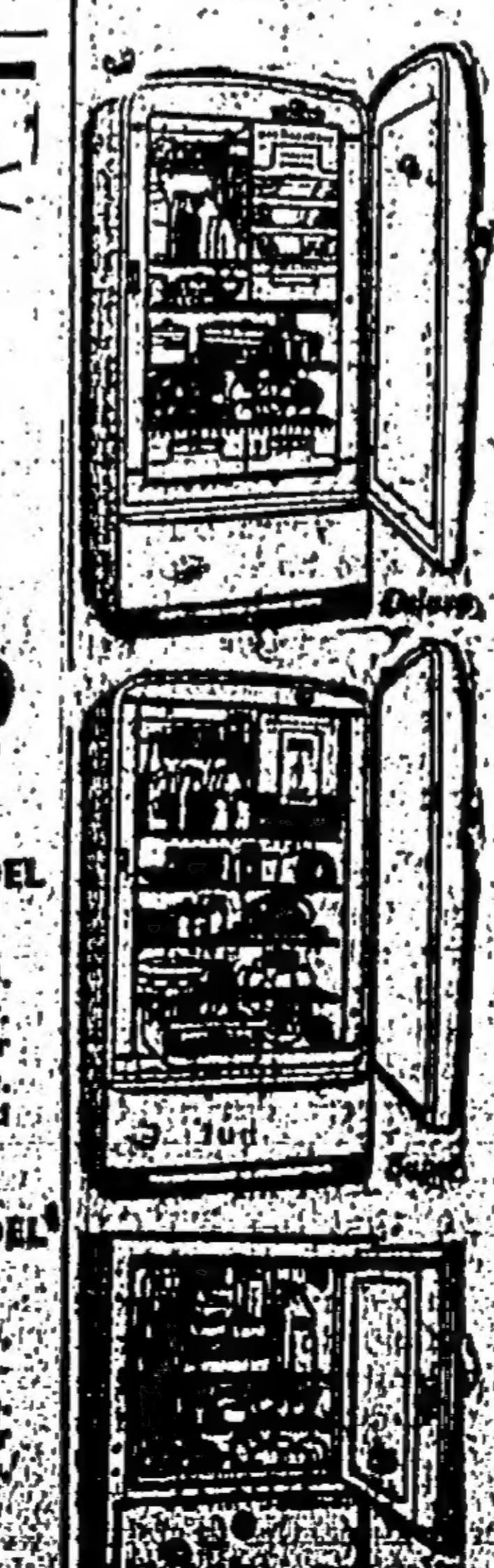
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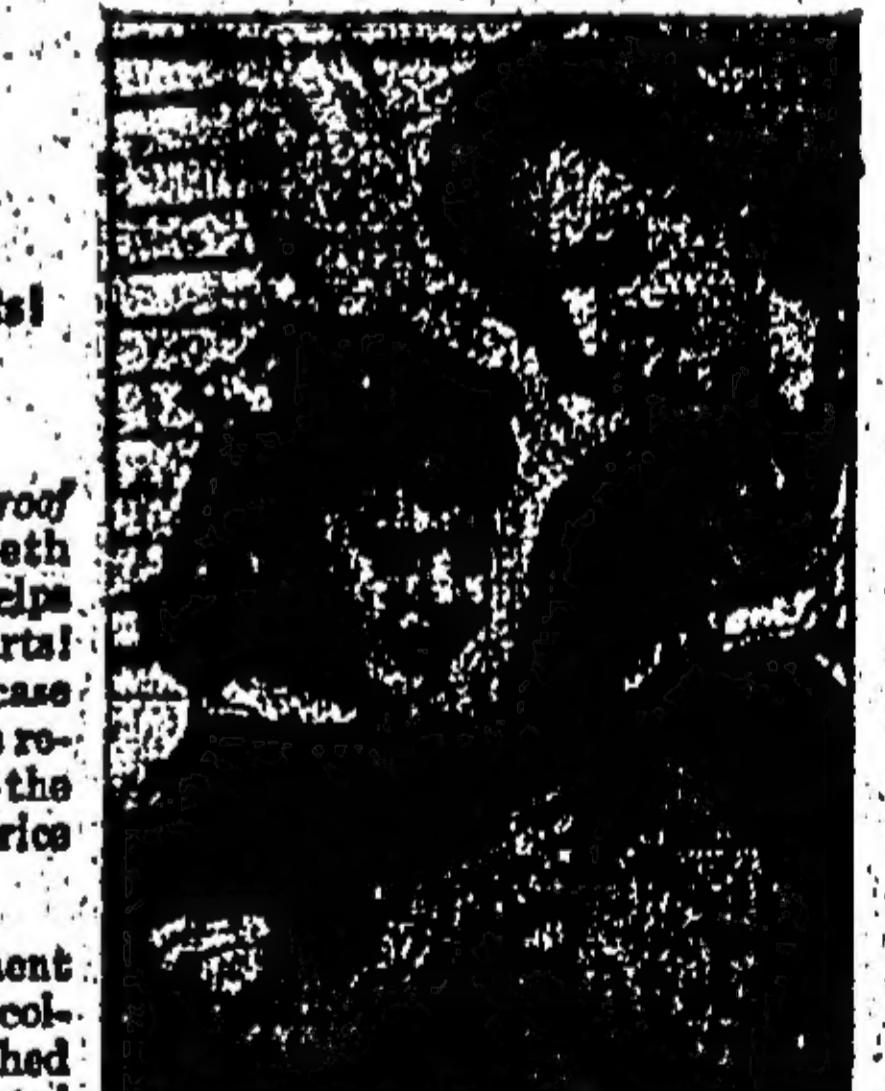
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CRIPPS' REPLY TO CRITICS

Vague suggestion for coalition rejected CLAIM BY CHANCELLOR

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tonight rejected Mr. Winston Churchill's vague suggestion of a Coalition Government. Winding up a week-long debate on his Budget proposals in the House of Commons, the Chancellor said that Mr. Churchill had made a sort of vague suggestion of a coalition. "This could only work if everyone else abandoned their policy in favour of the policy of Mr. Churchill," he declared. Mr. Churchill laughingly interjected, "That would be much the best."

Sir Stafford added, amid Government cheers, "Whatever the Liberal Party may think about it we are not having any on that basis."

At one time it was thought that the Opposition would force a vote tonight on a technical question about Purchase Tax. But they did not.

The outstanding Budget resolution, on which the debate took place, was approved without a division. The Opposition is reserving its all-out attack on the Government for Wednesday when they will vote against two Budget proposals—increase in the petrol tax and the imposition of a purchase tax on lorries.

Defeat 'on either would, it is assumed, mean the resignation of the Government and a new General Election.

Sir Stafford said that it would have been easy to have taken a decision to provide a spectacular and popular budget with an eye on another election.

That was a line which was simple for those who carried no responsibility. But it was not one which the Government was prepared to take, he said.

Not worse off

Sir Stafford declared the suggestion that the British people were off now than in 1945 and 1948.

He claimed that Mr. Churchill wanted to develop Britain's economy so as to make it possible for those who had money and wealth to choose how to use it as they wished without restraint.

It was exactly that policy which produced the state of affairs experienced between the wars, Sir Stamford added.

Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, Minister of State for Economic Affairs, said that the petrol tax was not a tax to provide revenue but to finance the relief for income tax.

If the Opposition voted against this they should vote against the income tax relief. He recalled, with Labour laughter, that the petrol tax was first introduced by Mr. Churchill many years ago.

Mr. Churchill had then said that he did it to help the railways which he thought were suffering from unfair competition.

Earlier today Mr. Churchill announced that the Opposition in the House of Commons would vote against the Government on the increase in the petrol tax and the tax on lorries.

Speaking in the resumed debate on the Budget, Mr. Churchill said that the Government had raised "these provocative issues" themselves.

"We have no choice but to express our sincere conviction that both of them are wrong in principle and will be harmful in practice," he said.

A burden

The increase in the petrol tax was a new burden on the travelling public. The tax on the purchase price of vans and lorries was a direct attack upon the

economy and efficiency of production and distribution.

He contended that the new taxes were directed towards forcing the travelling public and industry to use the nationalised railways and to offset the impending rises in railway freights and passenger fares.

Criticising the way in which £800,000,000 a year was being spent on defence, Mr. Churchill said that this expenditure needed searching attention.

"I am sure there never was a time when we got less value in fighting power for the immense sums which Parliament has voted," he said.

"Our foreign dangers, which seem to be sharpening, will not be thrown off by wasteful and ineffectual expenditure of money but rather by concentration of modern forms of war power in the light of our knowledge."

Observing that Britain could not exist permanently in an election atmosphere, Mr. Churchill added, amid laughter, "Here we are in the supreme crisis of our history watching each other like cat and mouse and who can say who is the cat and who is the mouse?"

The question was how long could the country afford to be agitated by this ideological conflict?

Gulf of theme

"The gulf which separates the two sides of the House is not equally balanced and it is not a gulf of class nor does it make a breach in fundamental brotherhood. It is one of theme and doctrine," Mr. Churchill added.

The Conservative and Liberal Parties stood for a way of life which at every stage multiplied the choices opened to individuals.

"Socialist devotees stand for the multiplication of rules," the Conservative leader declared.

He continued, "We are split half and half as I have never known this country split before. How long have we got to go on with neither one side nor the other having the power to do anything to grapple effectively on its merits with the national needs?"

"If we go on year after year absorbed in our internal Party and class fight there may never be another chance for the life and glory of Britain to show itself again."

"Somehow or other we must reach firm ground again and have a Government that is not afraid or unable to do things if they are in the national interest."

The future
Mr. Churchill asserted that he did not believe in coalitions that were formed only as the result of Party bargains.

He concluded, "It is with deep anxiety, into which my personal feelings do not enter at all, that I try to read the mysteries of our immediate future."

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French fear Chinese riot in Indo-China

Saigon, April 24.

French authorities express fear that the Chinese in Indo-China may soon stir up trouble as one of the effects of the fall of Hainan.

Police were alerted yesterday for a demonstration by Chinese Communists in the Cholon sector of Saigon.

Small groups of demonstrators were dispersed without incident before they could carry out a plan to tear down pictures of Chiang Kai-shek from store windows.

Moscow-backed Ho Chi-minh's nationalist movement is sponsoring a propaganda campaign in favour of co-operation with the Chinese and praising "the great Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung."—Associated Press.

SABOTAGE AT ATOM PLANT

Washington, April 24.

The fire which destroyed an American Atomic Energy Commission building at Berkeley, California, last night, caused damage estimated at \$150,000 but no machinery was lost, a Commission spokesman said here today.

The cause of the fire is still unknown tonight but the spokesman believes sabotage was responsible.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents (G-Men) and Commission officials are investigating.

The fire, followed by a series of minor explosions, broke out in a section of the Berkeley Research Laboratory used to store files and non-technical materials.

No one was working in the building at the time.

The fire was brought under control before it could spread to the University of California's \$9,000,000 atom-smashing cyclotron, one of the world's most powerful.—Reuter.

Reaction to coup by Abdullah

Tel Aviv, April 24.

Israel's official spokesman said tonight that Jordan's annexation of Arab Palestine was a unilateral act which is in no way binding on Israel.

He added: "We have concluded an armistice agreement with Jordan and it is our firm intention to abide by it. The agreement, however, entails no final political settlement and no such settlement is possible without negotiations and the conclusion of a peace treaty between the two parties."

The spokesman said that it should therefore be clear that the status of the Arab areas West of the Jordan remains an open question so far as Israel is concerned.

In posters plastered throughout Tel Aviv, the newly-formed Freedom Party, (formerly the Irgun Zvai Leumi), today denounced the Jordan Government's annexation of part of "our Fatherland," and called upon Israel not to give up sections of its patrimony.

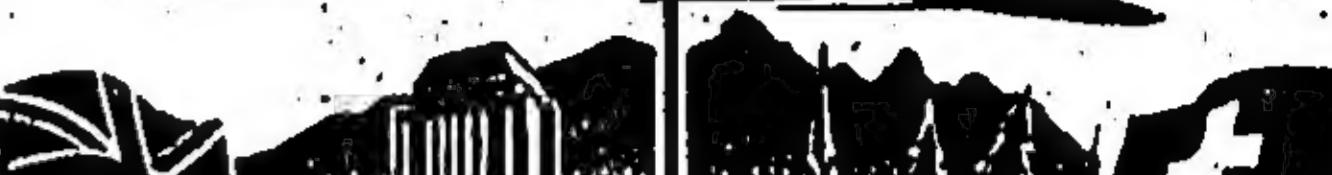
The posters accused Britain of being behind the "desert king" Abdullah, in "annexing and settling up a kingdom on both banks of our Jordan."

Syria expects to receive an urgent summons to attend a meeting of the Political Committee of the Arab League to consider the annexation of East Palestine by Jordan, the Prince Minister, Khaled Azim, told Reuter.—Reuter.

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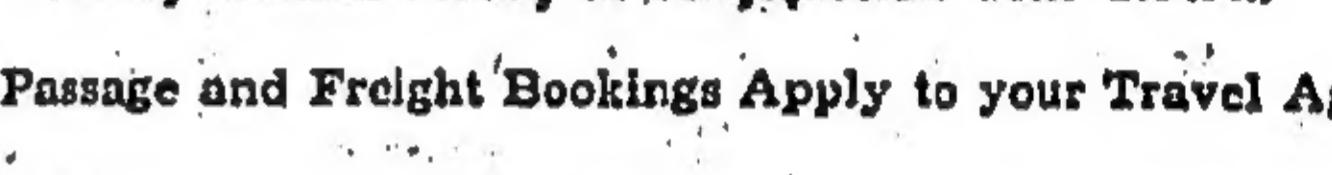


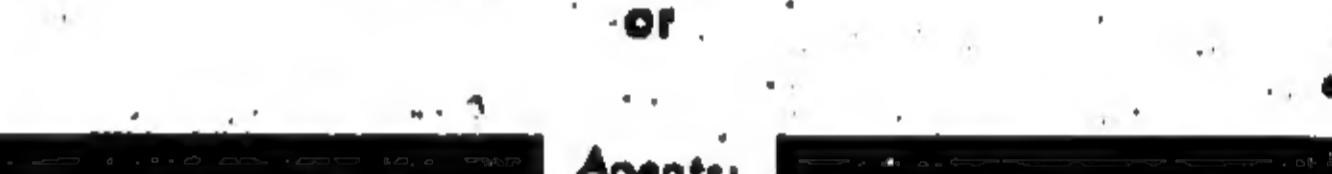




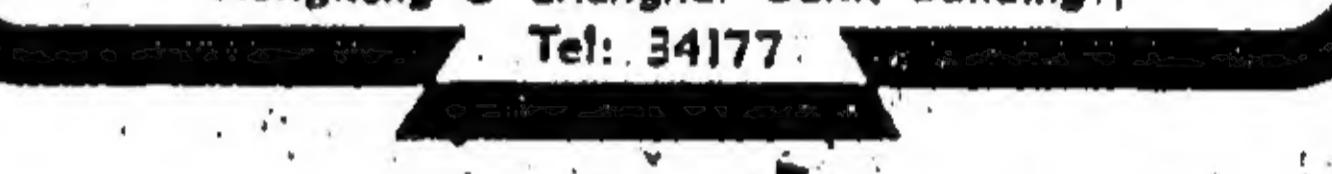


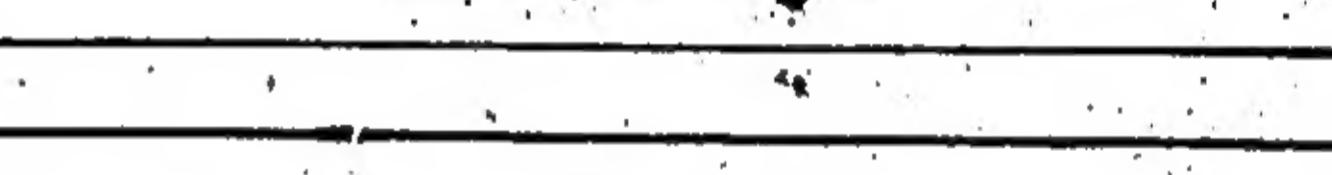






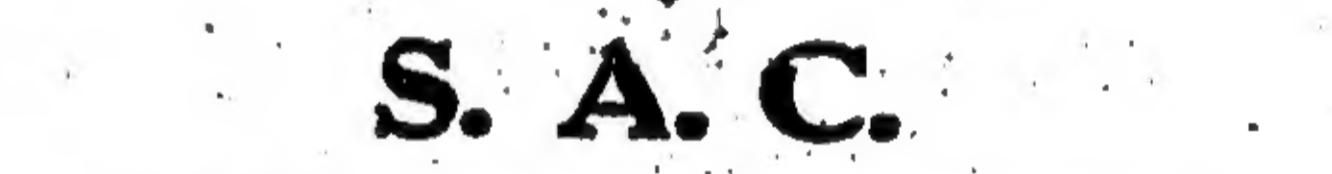


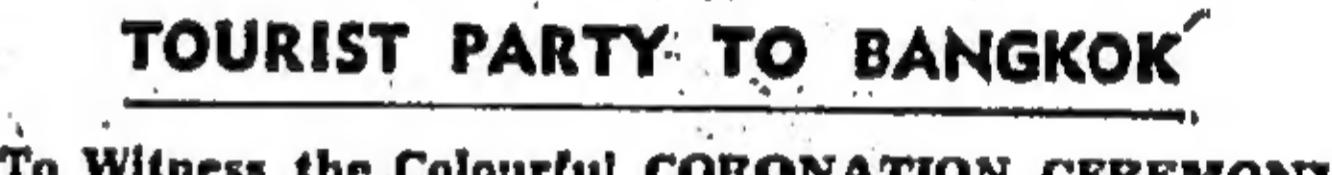


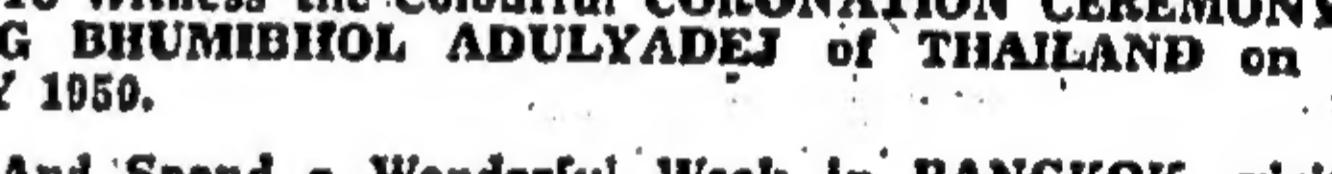


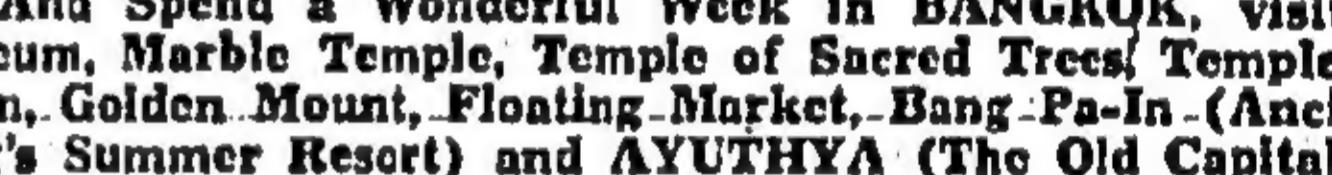


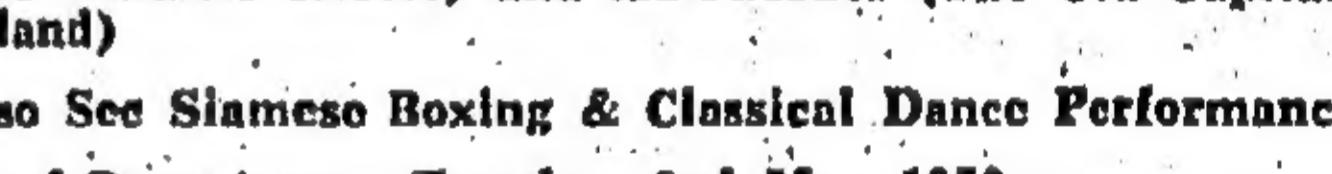


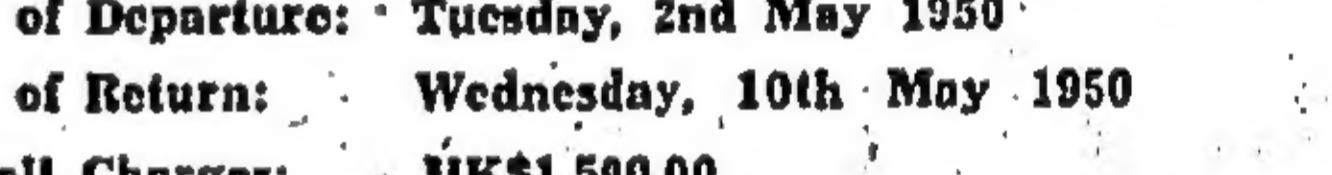


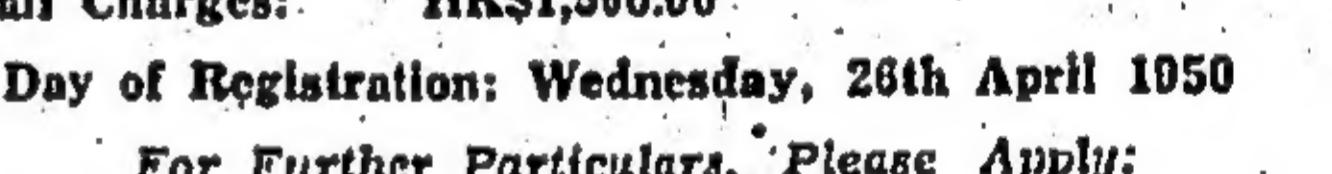


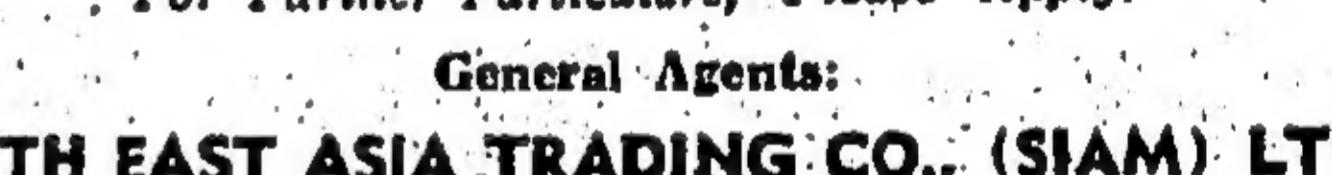


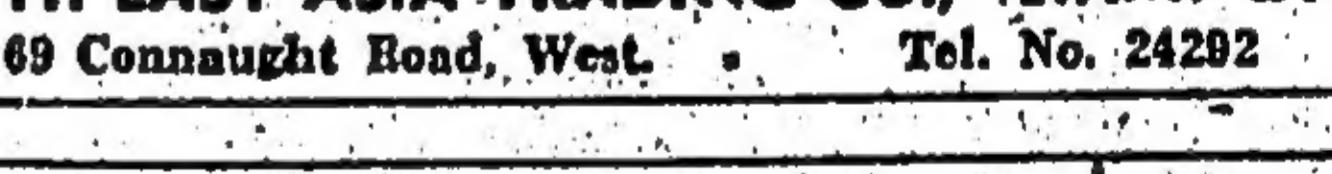










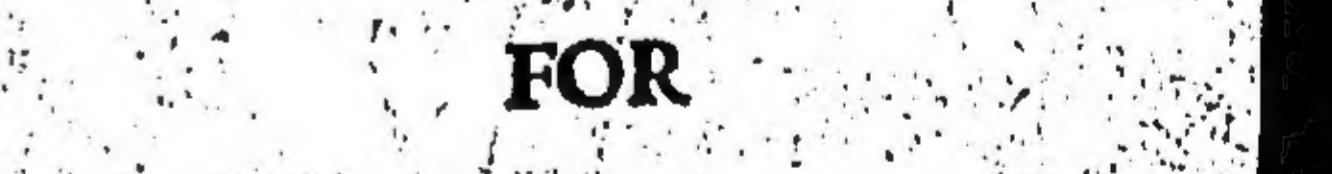


















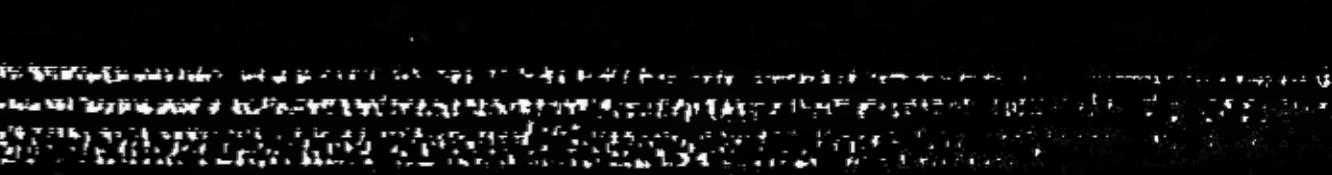




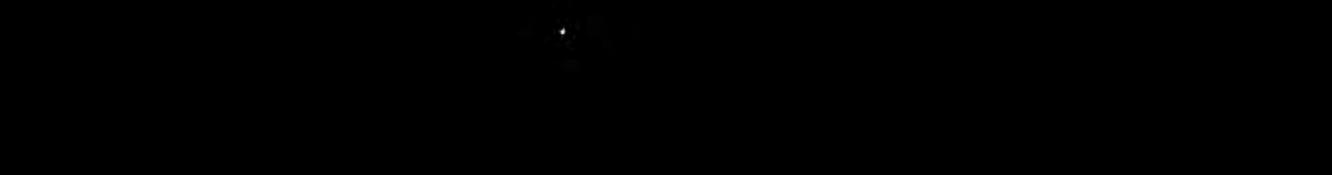


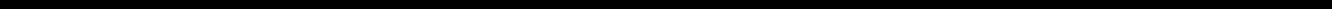




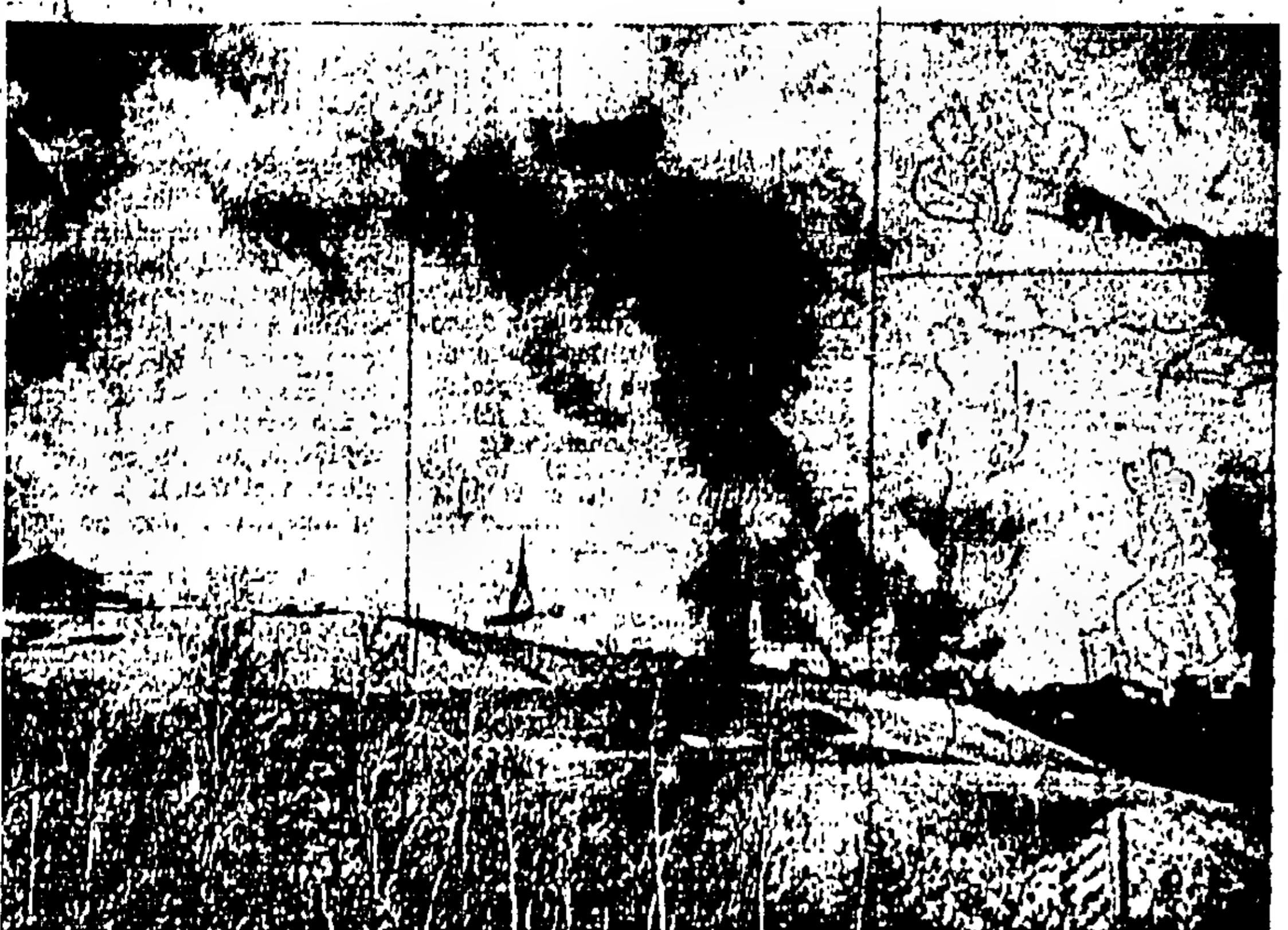








Rock slides menace hamlet



This dramatic picture shows a vast cloud of dust rising over the tiny Swiss village of Almens after a large rock mass broke away from the mountains in background and roared down on the hamlet. For weeks rock falls have disorganized the life of the villagers, and when it was recently found that a mass of about 9,000 cubic metres was beginning to loosen, it was decided to evacuate the entire Southern part of Almens. (AP Photo).

BRITAIN WANTS U.S. AID IN PAYING OFF STERLING BALANCES

Washington, April 24.

Britain has proposed that the United States Government pay off in dollars some of Britain's Sterling balance debts to creditor countries such as India and Egypt.

The idea behind the suggestion would be to remove some of the crippling burden of Britain's \$9,000,000,000 wartime debt to Sterling bloc nations and simultaneously helping Asian countries fight off Communism.

Officials say that there has been no formal request for aid yet. The balances are credits in British pounds held by India, Pakistan, Egypt and other countries.

Their repayment in unquited exports is jeopardizing Britain's economic revival. They are seen by many American officials as an obstacle to Britain's export drive to the dollar area and to the eventual convertibility of Sterling.

Under the proposals submitted to the State Department, America would give direct dollar assistance chiefly to India and Pakistan and those countries would cancel a comparable amount of the British "Sterling balance" debt to them.

The officials said that the exploratory proposal is being considered by senior Government officials here.

It resulted from last year's American-British-Canadian dollar crisis conference, at which it was decided to examine the Sterling debt and other economic problems to determine what could be done towards relieving the burden.

The United States has been urging Britain to get her creditors to scale down the debts, but countries like India which need financial aid, have resisted this.

Anti-Communist fight

British officials said that dollar assistance by the United States to relieve the Sterling balance problem would be mainly to help Asian countries build up their economies and resist the spread of Communism. They apparently consider the drain on Britain from the Sterling balances as a secondary consideration.

The official State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said that this was one of the subjects which con-

No decision yet

"We are still exploring the problem and no definite positions have been taken or definite proposals made and none is contemplated in the near future.

"Moreover, it is evident that consultations with other interested Governments would be required before any definite plans should eventually emerge.

The portion of the communiqué of September 12, 1949, dealing with Sterling balances to which Mr. McDermott referred, was: "This whole problem, in its various aspects, including the necessity to provide capital goods for development, was discussed in a preliminary way on the basis of prior technical examination by the experts of the three Governments.

It was important, he said, that people should realize that Sterling balances as a secondary consideration.

The official State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott,

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INCOMPETENCE CAUSE OF COMMUNISTS' FAILURE IN CHINA

The recent admission by the Chinese Communist Vice-Premier, Chen Yun, that there is something seriously amiss with the assessment of taxes and the allocation of "Victory Bonds," is seen in Hong Kong as the key to the Communists' basic difficulty—failure to recruit competent personnel into an efficient administrative machine.

What happened to the Chinese Communists' grandiose plans at the hands of gross mismanagement and callous incompetence, is told in reports reaching here from the Honan countryside, where millions of victims are cursing what they call the man-made famine:

Henan farmers had ample grain reserves to tide them over the critical period caused by last year's crop failure. At the rate they had been taxed in pre-liberation days—seven to nine pounds of wheat per month—they could ride out the winter and look ahead to the spring harvest with confidence.

These plans were shattered when the Communist tax collectors raised the tax to 25 pounds per month. The farmers' protests were silenced with the assurance that these 25 pounds would cover this year's taxes once and for all.

But the tax collectors returned time and again, carrying off beans, sweet potatoes, turnips, and when those were almost gone, chairs, tables, benches, frying pans and kettles.

Then followed a high-pressure campaign to absorb the little that remained in Victory Bonds. Where a peasant showed unwillingness to subscribe, the bond salesmen stayed at his house for days, eating what little they could find.

Living balances were not by any means debts which overseas countries wanted now to collect in repayment.

"I doubt if there would be a desire for a rapid repayment of more than a part, and that the smaller part of the total liabilities, and possibly much less according to the movement of trade," he said.

Where there had been a desire on the part of these countries, annual agreements had been made governing the rate of release and these had been made public.

"These decisions have been made to release parts of these balances not in order to maintain employment here, but because of the needs of the countries concerned to rehabilitate themselves," Mr. Galtskell said.

"I cannot see how we could possibly have justified a refusal to allow these countries to draw down their balances at a time when we ourselves had a loan from the United States to begin with and then Marshall Aid.

In our interest

"Refusal to do this, as has been suggested from time to time by the Opposition, would undoubtedly have created a crisis in the sterling area and possibly led to its complete break-up."

Mr. Galtskell said that it should not be forgotten that in allowing these countries, which mostly in South East Asia and the Middle East—in the front line of the fight against Communism—to draw on their Sterling balances.

Mr. Galtskell said it was well known that these liabilities increased very substantially during the war because of overseas expenditure and military expenditure, but it must be pointed out that they existed before the war as part of the Sterling Area capital fund.

Certainly, when adjusted for post-war prices, quite a large proportion of the present outstanding liabilities would be the currency reserves of the Sterling Area central banks and the trading balance held here.

Not debts

This balance would, in any case, move up and down in accordance with the deficit or surplus of the countries concerned in their trading with the rest of the world.

It was important, he said, that people should realize that Sterling

was agreed that this was one of the subjects which con-

Some farmers, driven to extremes of hatred, chopped up their furniture and burnt their grain rather than let it fall into the hands of tax collectors and Victory Bond agents. Those who tried to sell their belongings in the towns for food, were unable to find buyers.

Crops suffer

Farming tools were borrowed by the troops who had to grow their own food. Although the Chinese Communist soldiers had acquired a reputation for honesty in the Honan countryside, the farmers were certain that their tools would be returned, the fields lay fallow for want of tools, and preparations for the spring harvest suffered.

The result was an acute famine.

Meanwhile, the Honan grain was clogging up China's primitive lines of communications, en route to so-called "deficiency areas" where the populations had been afflicted to a more serious degree. The authorities' original plan to juggle China's grain supply was another instance where the Communists bit off more than they could chew.

China's railways and shipping

could not handle the grain efficiently, even those few instances where it had been carried to the railway stations and river ports by those very farmers from whom it had been taken.

To aid the victims of the resulting famine in Honan, the Government conscripted the peasants into working parties, and assigned them to road building and dyke repairs. In return, the farmers were given two bowls of bean soup or sweet potato gruel per day, the beans and sweet potatoes having only recently been taken from them.

Too arduous

These dyke and road schemes were pushed with a vigour that is new to China, and many of the Honan farmers, unused to such arduous routine, dropped out of exhaustion. Those who were strong enough to stand up under the brisk pace set by the Government workers, soon found that an inadequate diet was weakening them rapidly.

In promises of a glowing

future, the farmers countered that at present they had to work twice as hard as before for less than one-half their previous diet, while the outlook to them seemed most dubious, since they are facing the spring harvest with neither farming tools nor grain reserves.

Reports from other provinces also confirm that the actual devastation caused by last year's natural disaster is in no proportion to the resulting famine, and has been grossly over-estimated.

The source said that the Commissioner-General for South East Asia, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will request Australian aid when he visits Sydney on May 15 for the Commonwealth conference on South East Asia.

The source stated, "It would be a very fine gesture under the Speicher aid plan and would be very well received."

The Singapore Government plans the University in Johore Bahru on the Malayan mainland.

It will be open to Europeans as well as Malaya, Chinese and Indians.

—Reuter.

PEKING'S CALL FOR CRITICISM

San Francisco, April 24.

The Chinese Communist Party today requested the Party Press "to criticize openly in newspapers and other publications the shortcomings and errors in our work."

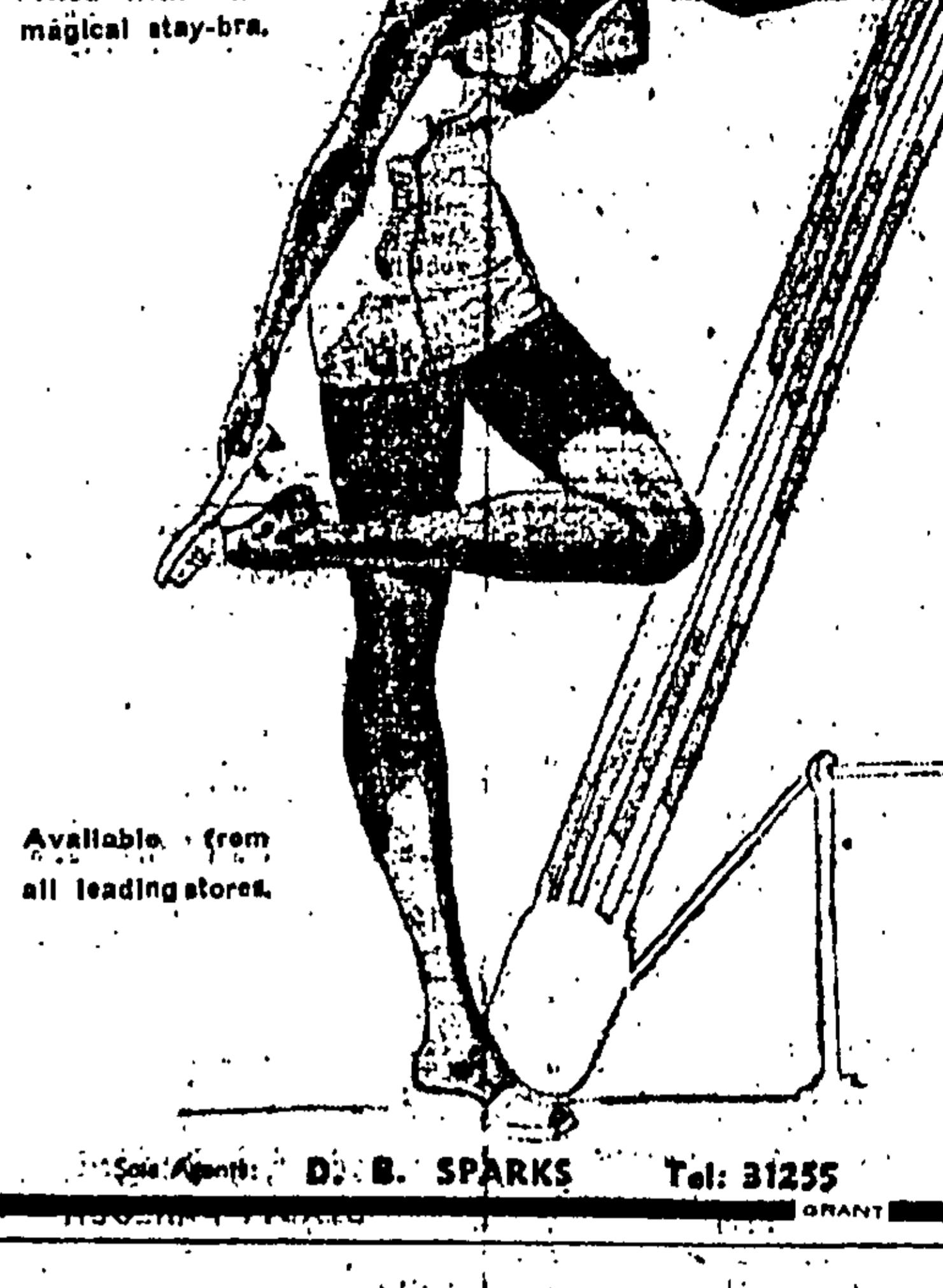
The Party Politburo's directive, which was broadcast by the Peking radio, said that "since the Party now occupies a leading position in China, 'pride which rejects or even suppresses criticism within and without the Party, might easily arise'."

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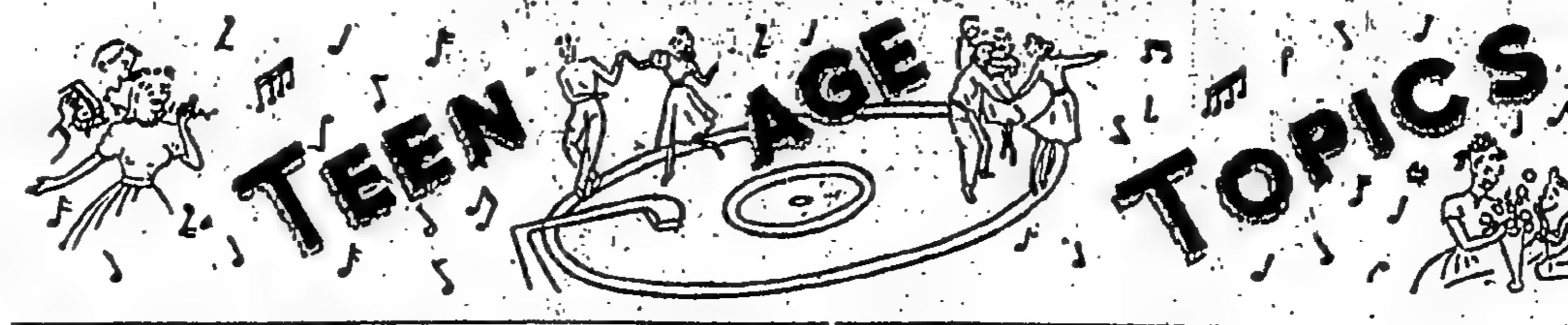
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A PARTY GAME

By Betty Betz

Lovely Patrice Munsel, youngest star of the Metropolitan Opera gave an Easter "brunch" party which was photographed for a picture magazine.

I only wish you kids could have gazed behind the scenes just to see how those "party party" stories are done. Hope I'm not giving away any trade secrets by admitting it was very frustrating not being able to eat the bowl of lovely strawberries until the pictures were shot... but it didn't take us long to get into the Easter spirit even though it was still winter and not spring.

Joan Caulfield's younger sister, Betty, was there and I'm passing on to you for your next party a wonderful game she told me how to play.

"First you divide your guests into two teams," Betty explained. "Then at one end of the room you place two chairs, two umbrellas, two pairs of gloves and two books with certain pages and passages marked.

The idea is to have a race in which each team contests runs to a chair, puts on the gloves, opens the umbrella and reads aloud the passage marked in the book. Then he or she folds up the umbrella, slips off the gloves, dashes back to the home team and the next person takes off. It's a silly game, but a lot fun if you want an ice breaker to get everyone acquainted."

I did forget to ask pretty Betty what the players do if they happen to be superstitious about opening an umbrella in the house!

If you're stuck for action at your parties, then pick out a few tricks from "Party Games" by Maggie McNellis and Hubert Boscowitz, published by Prentice Hall. Here's a practical collection of lively party games which are actually played by Broadway and Hollywood celebrities.

And have you latched on to the nostalgic Columbia album, "Mary Marin Sings for You? All

Although it's not advisable to be iron-hearted or stone-faced about romantic disappointments, next time try not to let them get the best of you, for we'll all agree that there's lots of much emotion wasted in our teen days with silly boy-girl misunderstandings. If you and your Steady continually scrap like a couple of alley cats or try to outdo each other in the nasty remark department, then it's a sure sign that you're just not suited to each other, and it's the moment to make a friendly break.

No doubt some day when you have bigger and more important problems you'll look back and wonder how on earth you ever got so upset over those little quarrels... A good night's sleep, a new set of friends, a good book or even a stiff dose of someone else's troubles are excellent remedies for forgetting your own immediate problems.

So the next time you feel as if your chin was about level with the sidewalk, perhaps you'll be less glum if you project your mind several years ahead to where most likely you'll look back and say, "How silly I was!" A mature person is one who's able to face everyday problems objectively without getting upset, so DO try to realize now that life is a series of ups and downs... And wouldn't it be dull if it weren't?

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YOUR TEETH,
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With the written consent of their parents, some 3,000 schoolchildren throughout Britain will shortly have their teeth painted with a solution of sodium fluoride. The idea is to prevent decay, and local authorities who are co-operating have been specially asked by the Ministry of Education (who is responsible for the school medical service) to pick representative groups of children and not those with either very good or very bad teeth.

According to Ministry officials it has been known for some time that there is less dental decay in areas where the drinking water contains some of this chemical than where there is none.

The idea comes from the United States, where experimental work has been carried on with various groups of children since 1940; the effect of the treatment is said to last for about three years. Here, variations of the American system will be tried, with differing strengths of the solution, and at varying intervals. Selected children's teeth will be examined regularly.

The treatment does not affect the appearance of the teeth, nor cause any pain or discomfort.

There does not appear to be very much enthusiasm among dentists in connection with the project. It was discussed at last year's dental conference at Scarborough and opinions then varied. Some experienced and sensible members of the profession were of the opinion that the effect is negligible, others, equally competent, feel that it is worth doing.

What really is worrying dentists, however, is the steady and considerable deterioration in the condition of schoolchildren's teeth within the last few years. It seems that never were enough school dental officers anywhere, and they were never well paid. Since the inception of the National Health Service their number has dropped by more than half, and is continuing to decline. Officers are finding they are able to earn an appreciably larger income under the Health Service as private consultants, where the majority of patients are adults.

It seems a topsy-turvy state of affairs when the dentist who is prepared to spend his time looking after children's teeth is penalised for doing so. Surely this is an urgent problem?

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Man accused of possession of forged notes

An alleged carrier of forged Hong Kong banknotes, Nip Shukong, stood trial at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice Gould, Senior Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman yesterday.

Nip, who is not legally represented, is charged with possession of 10 forged \$10 Chartered Bank notes, 30 \$5 Hong Kong Bank notes, and one \$100 Hong Kong Bank note.

According to Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall, the accused was arrested on January 27 while trying to buy a pair of trousers from a shop with a fake \$5 and \$10 note.

Nip was found to have forged money on him and in his house. He was taken to the police station, where he was charged.

In the witness stand yesterday, the accused denied any knowledge that the notes were forged. He maintained they had been passed on to him by a friend, whom he trusted.

After cross-examination by the Crown, the trial adjourned until this morning.

YMCA LECTURE

In the "Child Study" series of lectures at the YMCA, 11 Duddell Street, Mrs. Theodore Choy will lecture today at 3 p.m. on: "How to use visual aids for the greatest effectiveness".

All members and non-members are welcome.

The Hong Kong Women's International Club will have a tea party for its members on May 2 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The party has been arranged to introduce members to the Committee.

ADMISSION BY DEFENDANTS

The first two defendants asked postman Mak to give them letters as soon as possible so that they could work on them. Mak delayed on the instructions of Mr. Fitch, of the Post Office, and was arrested outside.

In their cautions, statements of defendants had admitted, conspiring to obtain letters from postmen. They also stated how they would split the money once they got it from the recipients of the letters.

First defendant would be responsible for the printing of writing paper and for the expenses of the gang. The work of second defendant was to contact postmen, the third defendant to imitate handwriting and the fourth to approach recipients of letters and to collect money as stated in the letter forged by them.

At 12.10 p.m. on April 20, Mak went to the cafe and joined first defendant's table. The postman then handed to first defendant a parcel of letters wrapped in a piece of paper. This was seen by a Chinese detective. First defendant then left the cafe and was arrested outside.

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He was commenting on recent Cairo statement of Mahirul Ehsanullah, the Syrian Economic Minister, saying it would be better for the Arab States to become a Soviet Republic rather than become "the prey of world Jewry".

Azzam Pasha said that Ehsanullah's statement was generally well received in Arab official circles.

He warned: "In the face of continued U.S. support of Israel, the Arab leaders will soon be forced by angry public opinion to lean toward Russia".

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

GHULAM MOHAMMED'S N.Y. Stock
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London, April 24.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Finance Minister, who arrived in London by air from Karachi on Sunday, today denied reports that he had come here to negotiate a new agreement on Anglo-Pakistan Sterling Balances releases for next year.

"It is still too early to negotiate this and my visit to London has nothing to do with Sterling balances releases."

Asked whether he would discuss the question of the devaluation of the Pakistan rupee, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed replied, "Definitely not. There is no justification nor is there any intention to reconsider the question of the devaluation of the Pakistani rupee."

Speaking of the Indo-Pakistan trade agreement signed in Karachi last week, the Pakistan Finance Minister said, "This agreement is the first step and is expected to be followed by an expansion of trade and by further agreements between the two countries."

"Leaders of both India and Pakistan must cash in on the goodwill created on both sides of the border politically, so as to undo the harm done by the events of the past."

"Things had gone so badly that either we had to resume normal and friendly relations or condemn the future of the people of the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent."

"Fortunately, wise statesmanship prevailed, and let us hope and pray that nothing will happen to mar this and that the future years will disclose a greater understanding of each other's difficulties."

Turning point

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed then referred to the recent Delhi agreement on minorities between India and Pakistan and said that since this agreement had been signed there had been almost a miraculous change for the better.

"Every effort is being made by both the Governments of Pakistan and India to implement the letter and the spirit of the Delhi agreement," he said.

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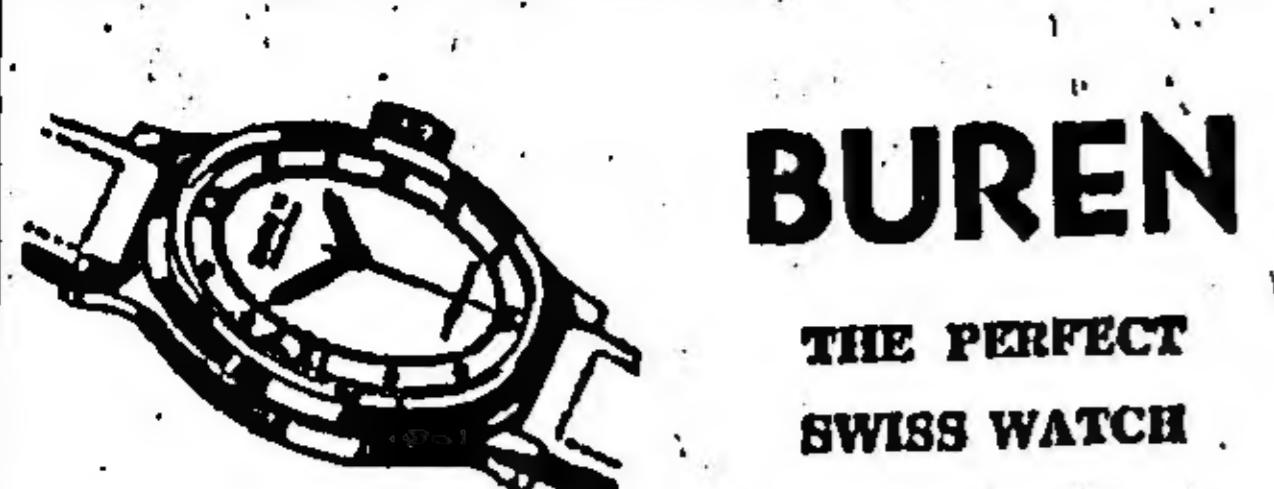
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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1950.



Manila cagers beat HK "Possibles" in close game

Snow halts English golf championship

Deal, Kent, April 25. The second day's play in the English amateur golf championship on the Royal Cinque Ports Club's course here was abandoned today owing to heavy snow.

Blown on a bitter Northerly wind, the snow caused a stoppage in play an hour after early starters had set out but when the full force of the storm broke, caddies were sent out as far as the ninth green which some players had reached, to inform them of the temporary cessation of play and it was not long before the specially convened committee meeting decided to abandon play.

Balls became invisible on the snow-carpeted fairways and when they were found they were coated in ice and snow to make them many times larger than their regulation size.

There have been a number of cases of championships and tournaments being similarly affected in the past but in most cases through rain storms flooding courses which have become unplayable.

Snow, however, has occasionally interfered even at a later date than the last week in April. A big professional tournament at Southport 15 years ago had started in beautiful weather only for the final day to produce a blizzard which caused play to be abandoned. That was in the middle of May.

Today's play at Deal was the second of two qualifying stroke rounds to decide the 32 players for the match play stages. Later in the week there were to have been 36 holes semi-finals but these have been reduced to 18 holes which will help to make up for the day lost by today's abandonment.

In yesterday's first round, only two players beat 80, E. S. Tredenick leading with 77 and W. S. Thompson returning 78.

Carter scores 87

Among the English Amateur Golf Championship's competitors, is Mr. G. G. D. Carter, entered from Royal Hong Kong. Carter had a score of 87 in yesterday's round, when players had to contend with a strong wind accompanied sometimes by rain and sleet showers.

In the circumstances the scoring was high and by the early afternoon nobody had managed to beat 80. Three players were then sharing the lead at 81.—Reuter.

The visiting Green Archer cagers from Manila won their second game in the Colony by beating a Hong Kong "Possibles" team by the close score of 50 points to 47 at Caroline Hill last evening.

The game which was fast and exciting from the opening minute was somewhat marred by the poor sportsmanship shown by part of the local spectators. With about two minutes to go and the score 47-46 in favour of the Hong Kong "Possibles" M. Araneta was fouled by Chan Siu-lok.

As he was taking his two free shots part of the crowd started to boo and barrack in order to put him off his aim, and the fact that he did miss netting nine points to lead 28-24. However the visitors had more reserves to call upon and the tiring local quintet ended the third quarter only one point in the lead 32-31.

In the final quarter the Hong Kong side led for most of the period and it was not till five minutes from the end that the score was tied at 40-40.

The visitors played well as a team and each of them is worthy of praise for the sporting way in which they played. M. Araneta caught the eye with his accurate finding of the basket scoring 13 points, while R. Campos scored 11.

Yu Titt-kwan of the Hong Kong "Possibles" seemed to be the only one to get going under the tight five man defence which the visiting team put up whenever their lead was threatened.

Yu was brilliant at times and sparked by his speed and accurate shooting the local side more than held their own for most of the game. Lee Yiu-chee was top scorer for the team with 14 points while Yu scored 10.

Visitors take lead

The visitors took the lead in the opening minute when J. Mendelta scored on a foul. Yu of Hong Kong broke through a minute later and netted to give the local team the lead. After netting another basket the Hong Kong team seemed to lose their touch and the visitors turned in a few baskets to lead 7-4. However the Hong Kong boys pored on the pressure and aided by the fact that Araneta, Campos and Eudue were on the bench took the lead at the end of the first quarter by 12 points to 7.

The visitors put their full strength on the court at the beginning of the second quarter and at half-time led by 21-19.

After the break the starting line-up for the visitors was Eudue, Decena, Bangoy, Campos and Araneta, while the local quintet comprised of Chan Siu-lok, Ho Hin-chee, Yu Titt-kwan, Lee Yiu-chee, Shuen Ling and Chik Yu-fun.

In the second game of the evening the Whaly basketball team accounted for the quintet from the Chinese YMCA by 52 points to 30.

VICTORIA CLUB CALLOVER

London, April 24.

Sir Percy Loraine's The Golden Road, whose stable companion, Calstone, won at Sandown Park on Saturday, returned to favour at the call-over on the Two Thousand Guineas at the Victoria Club, London, tonight.

He went out to 100 to 9 last Thursday, but was now quoted at 8 to 1.

Palestine hardened half a point to 9 to 1, but the favourite, Masked Light, remained steady at 2 to 1, and the second favourite, Mr. William Woodward's Prince Simon, at 7 to 2, their prices at the last call-over.

The unbeaten Rising Flame came in at 30 to 1 and Emperor, the French stable companion of the scratched Cardinal, was also at 20 to 1.

Prince Simon retained his place as favourite in the betting on the Derby, hardening half a point to 13 to 2. Masked Light remained at 9 to 1 and The Golden Road at 100 to 8—their prices at the last Derby call-over at a week ago.

The quotations were—

Two Thousand Guineas)

2 to 1 against Masked Light;

5 to 1 Prince Simon;

8 to 1 Palestine;

100 to 8 Welsh View;

20 to 1 Rising Flame;

26 to 1 Emperor II;

33 to 1 any others.

(Derby)

13 to 2 against Prince Simon;

8 to 1 Masked Light;

100 to 8 The Golden Road;

100 to 8 Castle Rock;

20 to 1 L'Amiral;

25 to 1 Paisi;

25 to 1 any others.

2,000 Guineas Probables

A field of 20 is likely to go to the post for the Two Thousand Guineas, the first classic of the season, to be run over one mile at Newmarket on Wednesday.

The probable runners, with jockeys are:

Rising Flame (G. Littlewood),

Blue Book (Edgar Britt),

Emperor (W. Johnston or R. Pincus),

Welsh View (W. Nevett),

Flitterhouse (no jockey yet),

Trumper (T. Gosling),

Indian Empire (no jockey yet),

Full Dress (E.P. Smith),

Masked Hunter (T. Burn),

Palestine (C. Smiles),

Bayman (A. Carson),

Powder Puff (T. Lowrey),

The Golden Road (Gordon Richards),

Flot. Solis (C. Spares),

Tynedale (J. Caldwell),

Hedgehog (W. Elliott),

Scandinavian (W. Hicks),

Don (M. Broadley),

Macmillan (J. McMillan),

Shun Ling (C. Chiu),

Chik Yu-fun (C. Chiu),

Lee Yiu-chee (C. Chiu),

Ho Hin-chee (C. Chiu),

Kit Chee (C. Chiu),

Shuen Ling (C. Chiu),

Chik Yu-fun (C. Chiu),